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Deadline for next Issue: Articles & Want Ads by July 28, 1980

Next board meeting at the C.C. County O.E.S. building, 50 Glacier Dr., Martinez, July 21, 8:00 p.m.

MDARC GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 20, 1980

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm. by Pres. Chuck Welch, WA6MWU. He made an announcement regarding the passing of two well known club members, Dick Thomas, WA6ODA & Bob Young, KC6F.

Many visitors were present, among them was Jerry Boyd, WA6CUP, & family. Welcome to all.

Upgrades announced: KA6LBX to Tech; KA6GTD to General.

M.M.S. & P. that the minutes of the May 16th meeting be accepted with the following corrections: Call WD6AGA should be WA6AGA (sorry Al); Repeater Meeting from 6-21-80 to 5-21-80.

Stan, WA6IRZ, announced that speakers for evening would be Jerry, WA6CUP & Don, W6EEN.

Secretary's Report: A Resolution has been received from Contra Costa County & proclamations from Antioch, Concord, Pleasant Hill, & Pittsburg proclaiming June 23-29th "Amateur Radio Week".

WA6MWU reported on the photo & article which appeared in the June 19th issue of the Concord Transcript regarding the proclamations & Field Day.

Treasurer's Report: Savings \$541.91; Checking \$1,151.24.

E.C.: No emergencies says W6LKE. Ron, WB6GJV, handed out OES cards. He stated that the FCC was not issuing any further RACES licenses, Memorial or Station licenses according to Docket #21135.

The next RACES meeting will include a barbecue & fun for the whole family. The date is July 19th at the Concord Police Academy.

East county net is on Thursday at 8:30 pm. on 146.43.

An assistant E.C. is needed for Central County to replace WA6ODA.

WA6MWU reported that a replacement is also needed to head the Christmas Party committee.

WA6GON reported on the plaque which was received from the Red Cross for "Outstanding & dedicated service in communications".

W6LKE reported that Bill Van Voorhis, WA6ZFZ is a new board member of the Red Cross.

Carrier: KB6UC reports - everything fine.

Door Prizes: WA6TXM would like any ideas which would help him in expediting ticket taking at the meetings.

Membership: 301.

Public Relations: Ron, K6XC thanked WA6GON, KD6DY (WD6APL), KA6AHO, WA6OFI, W6LKE, for their assistance with Amateur Radio Week proclamations.

Public Service: WA6OFI reports no new events. He will have information on club caps at the next meeting.

Repeater: WA6NTG reports that since raising the 2 meter antenna we are getting intermod. He is also checking on the new equipment.

3895 Net: K6IMV reports everything is fine.

Picnic: Scott, WB6PQM, reports that the annual picnic will be August 23rd. Location to be confirmed.

Tech Forum: Larry, W6JLE, reports that the forum is now on Thursday at 8:00 pm.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. After a short break Jerry, WA6CUP gave a delightful talk about his home ground & club SORA. Very enjoyable. Jerry was followed by Don, W6EEN & Mori, K6OYE with a talk & contest instructions for Field Day. Thank you gentlemen.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Stewart, KA6AHO
Secretary

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MDARC BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 1980

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm. by Pres. Chuck, WA6MWU. Present were WA6MWU, W6CU, KD6DY (WD6APL), KA6AHO, WA6IRZ, KB6UC, W6KLM, WA6HAM, WB6AEG, WA6JIF, WA6TXM, K6IMV, WB6GJV, WA6OFI, & W6ZHY.

Secretary's Report: Letters were read from: The Red Cross, thanking the Club for their donation; Terry Lange, WA6NTG, Chairman, RRRG, regarding repeater reports; A letter to Congressman Clausen from James C. McKinney, Chief, Field Operations, FCC, & one from Congressman Clausen to George P. Roberts, WB6AEE, regarding jamming.

Treasurer's Report: Savings \$541.91; Checking \$1,151.24. A semi annual report will be submitted shortly.

The audit committee for the end of the year was appointed. They are W6CU, KD6DY, & K6IMV.

E.C.: Ron, WB6GJV, reports that there will be a SET in West County in August.

An Assistant E.C., Central County, is needed to replace WA6ODA.

Carrier: WB6AEG reported his findings on a bulk mailing permit. After discussion it was decided to make no change until the new by-laws are completed to see if we will be able to get non-profit mailing.

Door Prizes: WA6TXM, \$176.49, less prizes \$94.09, plus ticket sales \$75.00. Balance \$157.40

Program: WA6IRZ reports July speakers will be Al Gaetano, W6VZT & Don Gmelin, W6ZRJ.

Field Day: KD6DY reports everyone in the transport party should be at his lot at 7:30 am. Friday.

Membership: 301.

Public Relations: Same as General Meeting.

Public Service: WA6OFI reports nothing at present. The Walnut Festival is coming up.

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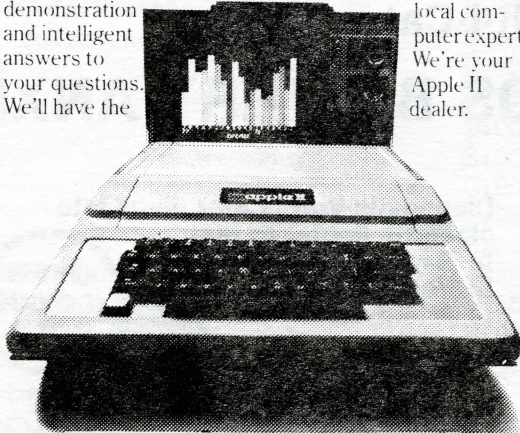
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As most of you know by now, Dick Thomas, WA6ODA and Bob Young, KC6F suffered sudden heart attacks and became silent keys within a four day period in June. Both were very active in MDARC functions, and their silence is very noticeable to many of us. We will all sorely miss both of them.

Because their passing was so sudden and without warning, the shock caused me to do some serious thinking about the many burdens this imposes on the surviving family members. One of those burdens we all have in common is amateur radio equipment.

In most cases the family has little or no idea of the value of the equipment, or what to do with it. Historically, MDARC has helped surviving family members dispose of a club member's amateur radio related equipment at the club auctions, usually held twice a year. This is a good custom, but it has been done on a very informal basis.

I would like MDARC to establish an official policy whereby a deceased MDARC member's family is tactfully and discretely notified that the club provides this service of disposing of amateur radio related equipment for the nominal donation the club usually receives from auctioned items. (This will have been discussed at the Board of Directors meeting on June 23).

My personal situation is a little different than most, since my wife is a ham and I have no other dependents who stand to inherit my property. Because of this I am adding a special provision to my will whereby my wife will keep any items she may use, and the remainder will be given to persons or organizations, who, in my opinion, will gain the greatest benefit from it.

Every one of us has a different situation and different preferences, so I encourage you to plan ahead.

73,

Chuck, WA6MWU

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

By this time everyone should know that the cities of Concord, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg & Antioch, plus the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors have proclaimed the week of June 23, 1980 as "Amateur Radio Week".

As of the time this article is being written, an article & picture of Judy Stewart, KA6AHO has appeared in the Concord Transcript & an excellent article & picture of Dwayne, W6LKE has appeared in the Contra Costa Times.

A similar press release has been given to the Oakland Tribune.

However, the above mentioned articles were

only advance publicity for field day. Through the tremendous efforts of Don, W6EEN, by the time you read this article, Field Day publicity should have appeared in all of the local papers plus all of the San Francisco TV stations. Radio coverage is also anticipated!

By the time Field Day is over, everyone in the Bay Area should know what "Field Day" is & that MDARC participated.

Finally, MDARC has been entered in a new club award program sponsored by the Pacific Division of the ARRL.

The winning club will receive a trophy & will also have custody of a perpetual plaque.

73,

Ron, K6XC

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KN6M	Mori Young (ex K6OYE)	Extra
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SIRARC	Wed	9:00 AM	7275 K	SSB	
	Thurs	9:00 AM	3725 K	CW	
	Thurs	10:30 AM	146.25-146.85	FM	
	Fri	8:30 AM	7125 K	CW	
	Fri	8:15 AM	3770 K	CW	
	Fri	10:00 AM	3925 K	SSB	
SCCARA	Mon	7:30 PM	146.985-146.385	FM	
	Wed	7:30 PM	28.120 M	CW	Novice
	Wed	7:30 PM	28.620 M	SSB	
NorCal	Daily	7 & 8:30 PM	3630 K	CW	Slow speed at 8:30 pm
	Daily	7 & 8:30 PM	144.81-145.41	FM-CW (Tone CW)	WR6ADC
	Daily	11AM & 12:30 PM	7275		Region 6 Day Net
CW Net	Wed	8:00 PM	146.49 (Simplex)	FM	Simplex
CW Net	Wed	7:30 PM	3550 K		
Pioneer RC	Tues	7:30 PM	443.10-448.10 M		
ARRL Bulletins W6ZRJ	1st & 3rd	7:00 PM	3590 K	CW	
	Tues	7:30 PM	3810 K	SSB	
		8:00 PM	3615 K	RTTY	
Bulletins W6ZF Napa	1st & 3rd	8:00 PM	3540 K	CW	22 WPM
MDARC	Daily	9:00 PM	3895 K		Parkly Net
FTO Telephoners	Daily	12:00 Noon	7240		
	(Except Tues)				
SPARK-WR6AIS	Tues	8:00 PM	144.63-145.23	FM	RUG (Reptr Users Group)
Mission Trail	Daily	7:00 PM	3928 K		
Golden Bear	Daily	0300 UTC	3975 K		
W6QIE Code Practice	Tu thru Su	8:00 PM	3590 K & 146.58 M	CW	5 to 30 WPM - 10min each
W6QIE Bulletins	Mon	8:00 PM	146.58	RTTY	170 Shift 60 WPM
SPECS	Mon	8:00 PM	144.63-145.23	WR6AIS	Net Cont W6ASH
PAARA	Mon	8:30 PM	147.45 M	FM	
	Sat	9:00 AM	14.24 M or 21.39 M		
EMARC	Tues	8:00 PM	147.45 M	FM	Informal
SFRC	Mon	8:00 PM	28.650 M		
	Wed	8:00 PM	146.49 M		
	Thurs	8:00 PM			Emergency Net W6PW/R
ARES TRAFFIC	Daily	5:15 PM	3993.5 K		
WEIRDO	Daily	11:00 PM	146.19-146.79	FM	WR6ACI
LOCAL YOKEL	Mon	9:00 PM	14.3 M		
Calif. Novice	Sat	9:30 AM	3730 K	CW	Traffic - NC WA6Y WS
Knights of the Megacycles					
	Sun	7:00 AM	146.22-146.82	FM	Bible study prayer net. WR6AAE/R
Richmond ARC	Wed	8:00 PM	21.115 M	CW	
	Wed	9:00 PM	21.355	SSB	
NPEC	Sat	12:00 Noon	1960 K	AM	
	Mon	8:00 PM	21.4 M	SSB	

THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER NEWS FROM DOWN SOUTH

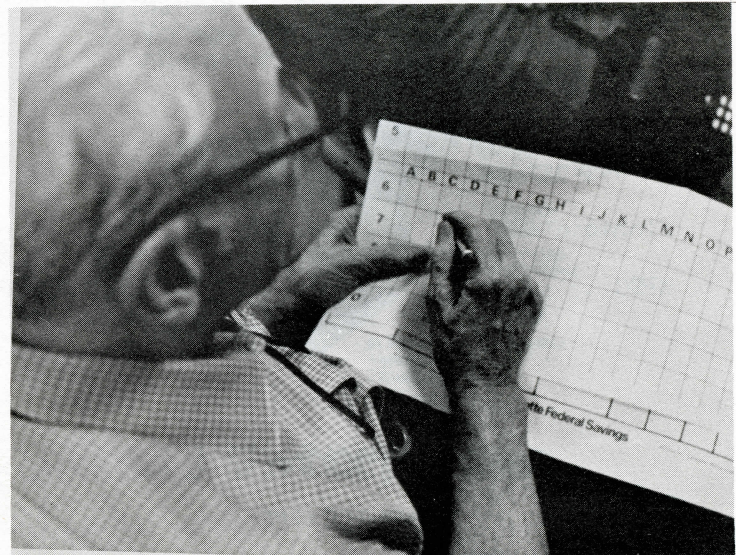
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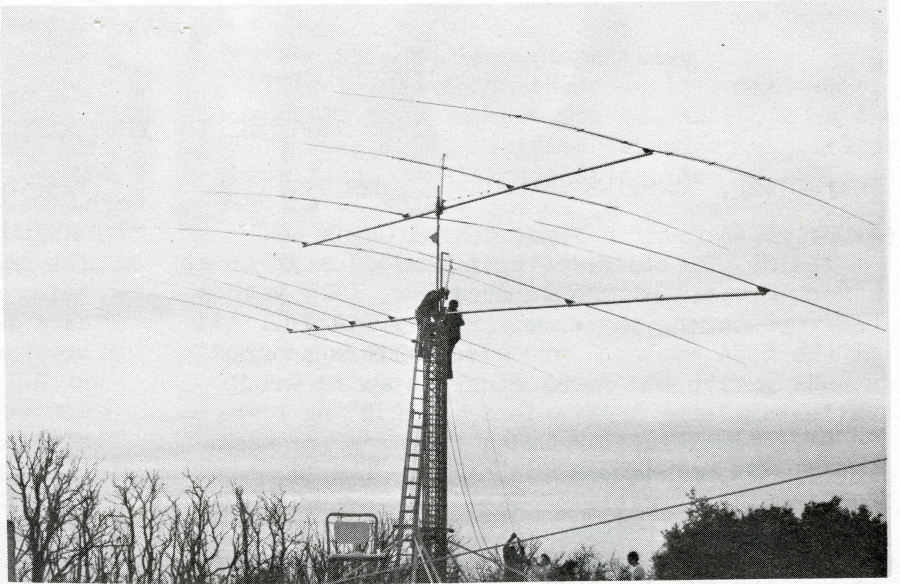
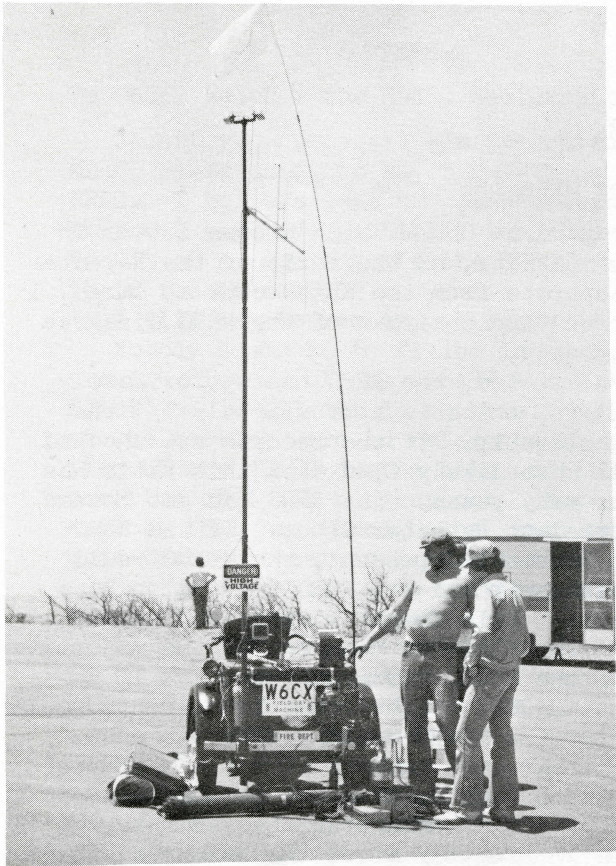
As noted in past columns, one member of the Southern Chapter, MDARC, will be featured each month until all members have had their "day in print". Thus far, we have featured the members in the order that their pictures and autobiographies were received. This month no input was received from the as yet unfeatured members. Perhaps the one horse owned by the local pony express died. So, the worst of all possible fates--the column's author is the featured member of the month.

Jerry, WA6CUP, is thirty four years of age, married to Patty for thirteen great years, and father of three boys, Chris, Kevin, and Brian. Patty, in addition to being a homemaker, teaches at a school for students with learning disabilities. The boys are all active in sports including soccer, little league, etc.

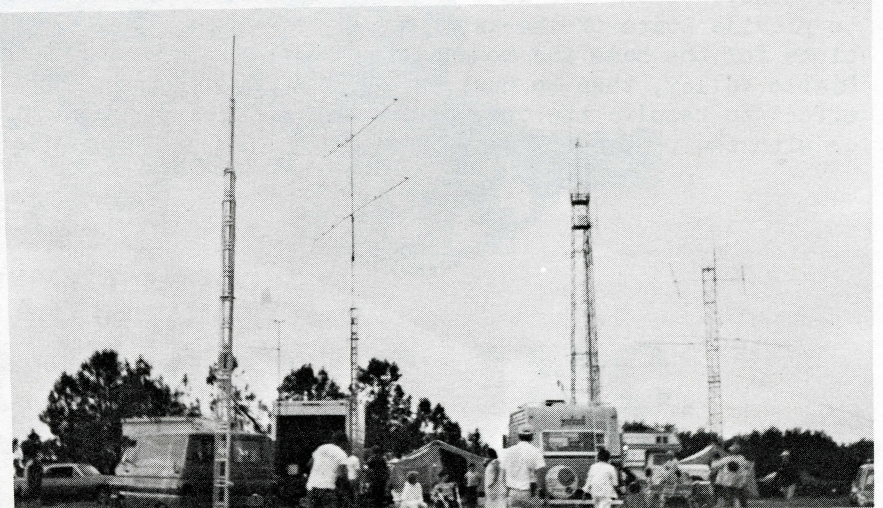
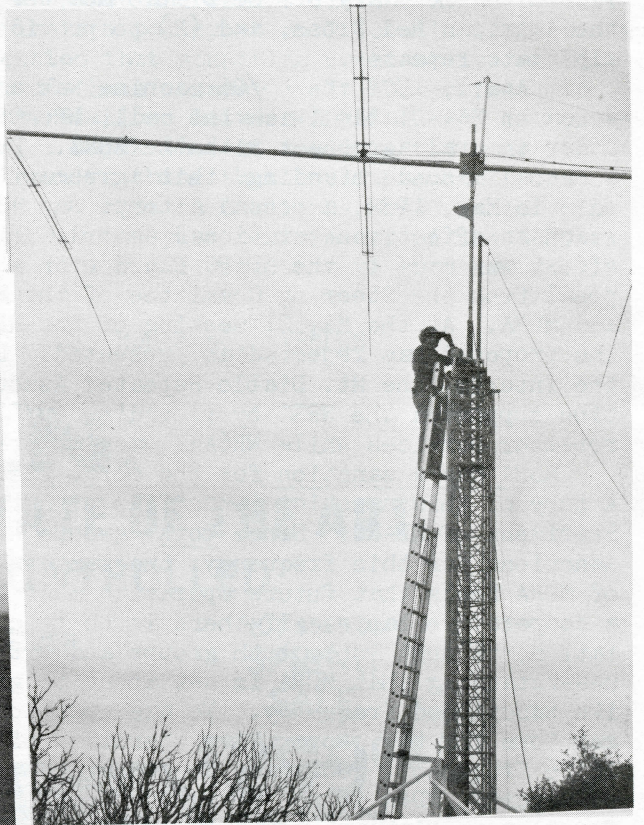
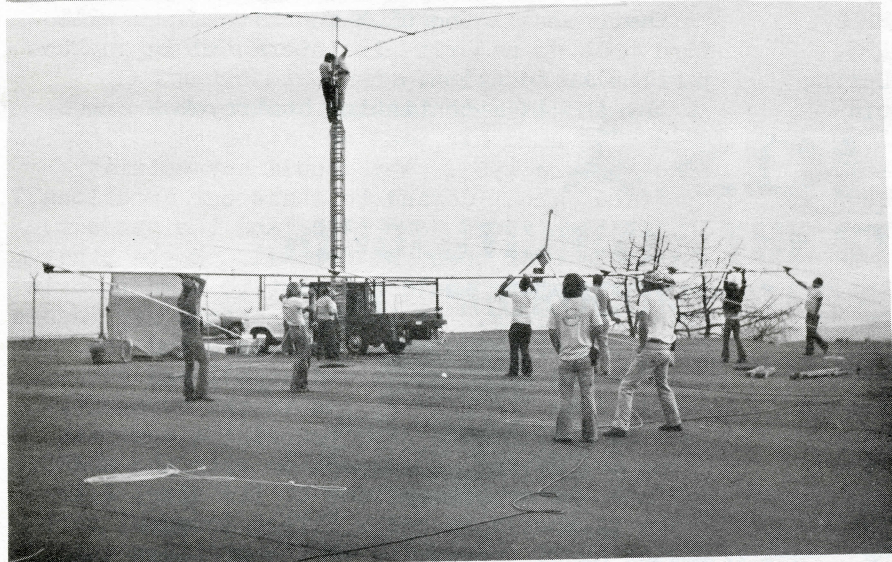


Jerry is a Captain with the Irvine Police Department and commands the Patrol Division which includes S.W.A.T. and Crime Supression Team specialists. He has been in law inforce-ment for thirteen years, having served as a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, and Detective Ser-geant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and as a Lieutenant and Captain with Irvine. He teaches at several police academies in Orange County and conducts management train-ing seminars for police administrators from throughout the western United States. He also teaches at a local law school and from time to time serves as a consultant to various police agencies. Jerry has authored numerous articles in professional law enforcement publications and is the author of a recently published book on police officer survival.
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FIELD DAY
JUNE 28-29, 1980



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO: EDITOR, "CARRIER"

JUNE 27, 1980

FROM: MDRA

The Mt. Diablo Repeater Association began as a formal organization in December, 1971 with a UHF repeater on the summit of Mt. Diablo. All of the MDRA members were also members in good standing with the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group, while remaining independent of it.

As a result of the Delta floods of the winter of '75, a request was made by the RRRG to put a 66/06 repeater on Diablo to serve the following dual purpose: (1) to provide extended coverage in the disasterprone east county area within the boundary of the Diablo Chapter of the American Red Cross, and (2) to provide an alternate repeater.

In April, 1978 the 66/06 machine was activated on Mt. Diablo (with the call, WR6ACP) under an oral agreement with the RRRG. Due to a mutual misunderstanding, this agreement failed. In May, 1980, a second attempt was made to reach an effective operational accord. That effort was made by the MDARC Board with a proposal from the Steering Committee of the RRRG and MDRA. At the May 21 meeting of the RRRG, the proposal was rejected as presented. During the interim, the Mt. Diablo Repeater Association supported the RRRG by providing 66/06 repeater services while WR6AHK was inoperative.

MDRA has a sanction for the 66/06 frequency. A copy of this sanction is on file with the President of MDARC. Since both groups have sanctions for this frequency, the membership of MDRA feels that future operation must be on a cooperative basis. If there is to be conciliation, it must be by both groups and with the understanding that MDRA is not about to give up its sanctioned frequency. We are open to suggestions for the cooperative operation of the 66/06 frequency. Contrary to recently published reports, MDRA is not searching for a new frequency. With that as a "given", if we are to provide state-of-the-art 2 meter communications for the hams and communities of the Diablo Valley, then we must have a concerted effort to resolve the current impasse and get on with the purpose of amateur radio.

Bob Richter
President MDRA

"Another Open Letter on the RRRG"

In regard to Chuck Welch's open letter in the last Carrier, on the topic of the Repeater being separate from the MDARC club at large, I as a three time chairman of the RRRG disagree very strongly.

As was stated, the RRRG has approximately 100 members, which is approximately 1/3 the MDARC membership. If the records are checked you will most likely find that this ratio has held for many years. The RRRG has not become an independent Repeater Group. If the RRRG were to become independent, the MDARC would lose membership and the RRRG would also lose membership. This is not what is wanted or needed. The RRRG has been one of the major parts of the MDARC for many years and if it left the MDARC I believe that both groups would suffer but the MDARC would suffer the most.

Just because an Amateur is not a member of the RRRG does not mean he/she has no interest in Vhf/Uhf. What percentage has an interest in Field Day? Probably about the same percentage. In fact, of all the club functions, you will find that no majority is interested in any one particular function.

Why should a continuing controversy exist anyway?? RRRG has been operating on 147.66/.06 since before 1965. Why should any outside "private" group demand to share our functions?? It has been voted down twice and the subject should be over once and for all. Maybe other local repeaters would not want to take part in MDARC functions. Or these functions may become functions of these other repeaters and the MDARC would not be involved at all and eventually lose its fine status in the community.

I am against the RRRG becoming a separate group and having no connection with the MDARC. In fact, if necessary, due to its size, I believe it should become a direct integral part of the MDARC controlled by the Officers and Board of Directors, and not just a Committee within the MDARC. This is more realistic. If the MDARC wants to share its repeater with another group, so let it be, and not the determination of a committee.

73's
Jay D. Caldis, WB6PUA

LETTERS

To Chuck Welch & the MDARC Membership:

Recently, a proposal was presented to the MDARC membership, to sever relations with the RRRG. I believe that the presentation of this proposal may have partially been the direct result of my comments to the RRRG membership at their recent meeting.

I will try to rectify this now.

Nobody needs to be filled in on the past or present history of the WR6AHK - K6POU/RPT conflict, so I will not do so here. My comments at the meeting were in reference to the position of the MDARC during this conflict. A position of total non-support. Non-support of a group that has through the years provided some fantastic services to the MDARC. I will summarize a few of these services that I consider by no means trivial.

1) The RRRG repeaters have been and continue to be the greatest medium for intercommunication between members of the MDARC.

2) The RRRG repeaters have been the greatest medium for public service & emergency related communications handled by MDARC members. Although it has been truthfully stated that any other mode would not have the convenience or the absolute availability the RRRG repeaters have provided.

3) The RRRG has been the greatest medium for public relations that the MDARC has. I

believe this to be undisputable.

This brings me to the case in point. Why, when RRRG does so much for the MDARC, does the MDARC take a "No-Position" stand on a conflict which is jeopardizing continuation of RRRG service to MDARC.

The MDARC has an implied involvement in this conflict by two simple facts.

1) MDRA recognizes MDARC but not RRRG.

2) MDRA proposals reference "MDARC membership" not RRRG.

Therefore as I stated at the recent RRRG meeting: "I believe the MDARC owes it to the repeater group to take a pro-or-con stand on the 147.66/.06 conflict due to the recognition the MDRA gives the MDARC".

If an officer of the MDARC took these comments as a personal attack, I regret this. One man does not and cannot dictate MDARC policy, and it is a policy which I question. It was my intention that something constructive would come of these comments. If the proposal to sever relations between MDARC & RRRG is considered, I think that it would be the most destructive thing that could happen to the MDARC. I hope that all the MDARC membership considers the past performance of the RRRG on their behalf and rejects this proposal unanimously.

Ray Montagne, WB6DHN

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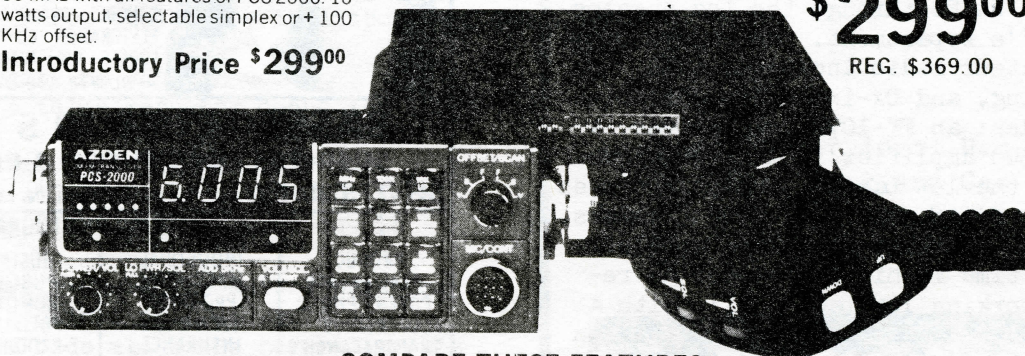
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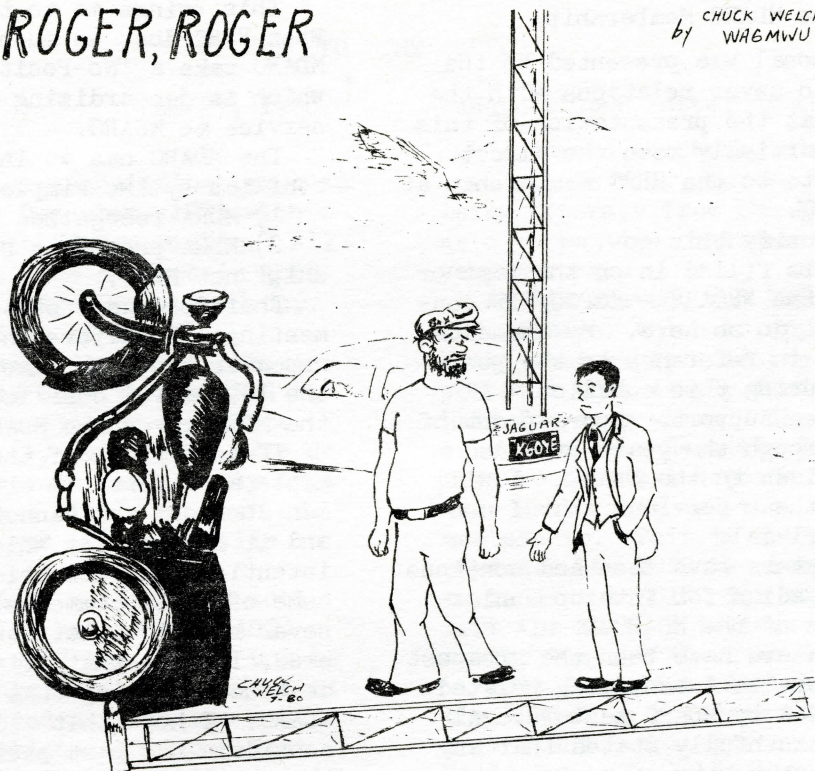
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by CHUCK WELCH
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In addition to ham radio Jerry enjoys competitive pistol shooting & distance running as hobbies. The distance running is actually to keep in shape so he can stay up with his three sons. Jerry recently completed his first 26.2 mile marathon run.

Jerry has been a ham for over twenty years. He holds DXCC, RCC, WAS, WAC, and is closing in on WAZ. A general class licensee, Jerry got his start in law enforcement because of his involvement in RACES through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He enjoys many aspects of amateur radio including ARES, traffic handling, and Dx-ing. His current station includes: an FT-107M transceiver, a Dentron MLA 2500 amplifier, and three element tri-bander on the low bands. A dipole serves on 75 meters. He is also active on 2 meters, 220 MHz and 450 MHz both fixed and mobile. For the first time in his ham career he recently began working low band mobile with a Kenwood TS120S. Future ham plans include an upgrade to Advanced (if the rumor is true that the new exam will be easier).

Two final points: Who really knows the answer to the question whether ORV, W6BSL is really Parky's grandfather or merely his father, and, would K6, W6, WA6, WB6, WD6, N6, KA6, or KB6COP like to swap calls.

73 and see you next month.

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Bob Bruder, KA6Q, will be out of town until
September.

Chuck, WA6MWU, stated once again that we
need a new Social Chairman.

3895 Net: K6IMV reports he is still recruit-
ing.

M.M.S. & P. that \$50.00 be advanced to Scott
Miles, WB6PQM, for use for the picnic of the
MDARC on August 23, 1980. Mr. Miles, with the
aid of Judy Stewart, will present receipts &
unused funds to the Treasurer at the earliest
possible time after the picnic.

Dick Squires, KA6JGP, has stated that his
\$20.00 donation toward magnetic signs be used
as the Board decides. The Board asked Doug,
W6KLM, to make paper side panels.

M.M.S. & P. that no charge be made by the
club, through December 1980, to the estate of
a deceased member for assistance in disposal of
their equipment.

Decussion regarding RRRG ensued.

M.M.S. & P. to table repeater decussion until
next month.

M.M.S. & P. that W6CU take care of name
plaques for the silent key for WA6ODA & KC6F.

W6ZHY offered himself as speaker on his
European trip.

\$330.63 was reimbursed for Roster printing
from the money received from advertising.

Comments were made about the several groups
chatting at the General Meeting while a speaker
had the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Stewart, KA6AHO
Secretary

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